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#### Republican Call.

HEADQUARTERS REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF COLORADO,  
DENVER, May 11, 1878.  
The republican state central committee of Colorado will meet at their rooms in Denver on Wednesday, June 12, 1878.  
It is expected that the members of the committee will be prepared to present at that time complete reports as to the condition and organization of the party in their respective counties.  
An invitation is hereby extended to all members of the party throughout the state to meet with the committee for a general exchange of views. It is important that all portions of the state be represented, that their interests may be fully understood and arrangements made for the prosecution of a vigorous and successful campaign.  
WM. H. PIERCE, chairman.  
GEORGE T. CLARK, secretary.

We publish "a horrible confession" in our local columns to-day. Of course a quickened conscience was the cause of the confession.

The Cincinnati *Commonwealth* says: "A shade of fear touches us that Senator Matthews is going too deep in his financial studies." Most people knew this months ago.

The Baltimore *Gazette* says it is far more important to protect the country against a repetition of electoral forgeries and pilferage than to show how they were committed at the last election.

The Charleston *News and Courier* (Dem.) calls Voorhees a "noisy, ranting demagogue." It will be remembered that Voorhees is Patterson's idea of a model man. Patterson seems to be working up to his model.

The Louisville *Courier-Journal* says the democratic administration of affairs in that city has been running it into debt for the last nine years, at the rate of \$200,000 a year. And yet the *Courier-Journal* thinks the democratic party should administer the finances of the nation.

We have just received the *Denver Weekly Free Current and Market Reporter*. It is a small size weekly paper which if properly managed will fill a real want in this state. We would recommend that the small space now occupied by reading matter be exclusively devoted to commercial subjects.

The passage of the Potter resolution seems to have been attended with "bloody" indications. First Mr. Goode, of Virginia, wanted to defend his honor with his life. Then two reporters had a set-to in the gallery and measured their length on the floor, a visitor knocked over the messenger, and two negroes had a fight. This is ominous.

The New York *Sun* is so desirous of having President Hayes removed that it says it will support either B. F. Butler or Senator Howe for the presidency, if they will use their influence to have the usurper deposed. What better proof of sincerity could there be? We have often wondered what office Tilden promised Dana. It must have been a good one or the *Sun* would not have made such a fuss.

The Russians are preparing for the worst. Gen. Todelben is removing the army from the flats of San Stefano and putting up breastworks. Active measures are still being taken to compel the Turks to give up the fortresses of the quadrilateral in Bulgaria. The insurrection in Roumelia is still formidable. But notwithstanding all this, there are good reasons for believing that Count Schouvaloff will be enabled on his return to London to make some amicable arrangement. His visit to Bismarck on Monday was significant.

The great musical festival at Cincinnati has been a great success. About sixty three thousand people attended the seven concerts which were given. The profits will amount to about twenty seven thousand dollars. J. R. G. Hassard, correspondent of the New York *Tribune*, says "he has no hesitation in saying that the great orchestra at the Bayreuth festival did not equal the orchestra at Cincinnati." The correspondent of the Chicago *Tribune* says it was the most important and successful festival ever given in America.

Mr. Tilden seems to be the democratic goat. Mr. Tilden received all the blame for the electoral commission. Just now the democracy see that they have placed themselves in a fix and they are belaboring Mr. Tilden for it. They say Tilden inspired the Potter resolutions, etc. The Cincinnati *Enquirer* (Dem.) says that "when the investigating committee at Washington get ready, it should call S. J. Tilden as the first witness. If the old man would tell all he knows it would make hot times." This is kicking a man when he is down.

The invitation of the United States to European nations to participate in an international monetary conference is not very cordially received. Belgium, Switzerland, and Greece only have accepted the invitation. These nations are so weak and small that any concerted action between them and the United States would amount to but little. It seems very strange that France, whom bi-metallics quote so much, should turn a cold shoulder to a movement which would enable the bi-metallic countries to unite and assist each other in maintaining the circulation of gold and silver side by side.

#### A WONDERFUL ADMISSION.

The New York *Times* says: "We feel bound to confess, however, that while his performance has fallen far short of his promises, and has been marred by many errors, inconsistencies, and apparent haltings of purpose, there has been, on the whole, a considerable improvement in the tone and character of the public service under his administration." This is a wonderful admission for the *Times* to make. It has had a great deal to say about civil service reform but not one word in favor of Mr. Hayes' efforts. The *Times* could have had more influence on this subject if it had been wise enough to see the methods by which President Hayes has raised the tone and character of the civil service and had supported him in them. Instead of doing this the *Times* has been a chronic grumbler, unable to see anything but Mr. Hayes' mistakes and asking impossible things of him. If Mr. Hayes has raised to a considerable extent the tone and character of the public service, then his administration has been a success as far as civil service is concerned. The opponents of civil service reform have all resorted to ridicule and misrepresentation to accomplish their objects, and we know of no paper that has given them more assistance than the New York *Times*, as it has done this while earnestly protesting that it was in favor of civil service reform.

#### CATHERINE BEECHER.

The following original notice of the late Miss Catherine Beecher, is taken from the Hartford *Courant*:

She was a whole social science association in permanent session. Miss Beecher had a mind of original vigor, but without much imagination, and perhaps it was the want of imagination that made some of her schemes for doing good impracticable. She had a good deal of racy humor and mother wit; she had patience, magnanimity rare in her sex and unbounded good nature. She was a most entertaining companion, alert, suggestive; and her talk was full of fresh common sense on persons and things without the least bitterness or malice. But she made her own common sense the standard of judgment, and doubted the value of anything not commended by that. She continued in her old age the accomplishments of her youth, singing, and playing upon the piano and guitar; but not only was her performance that of a century ago, she had no belief in modern or classic music; not able to comprehend it herself, she thought the liking of it by others was a fashionable affectation. What she could not comprehend did not exist. It was so in art. The work of the masters and medieval art had no meaning for her. She didn't believe that anybody really cared for it. She spoke of a house where she was familiar, as full of Virgins and Sons, with a picture of Christ all rubbed out, "that Psyche with the tip of her head knocked in," and "Venus without any arms." This was all rubbish to her, as it was to her head-headed, inartistic ancestors. Miss Beecher was not an artist, though she did not know her limitations in this or any other respect; but she was a woman of strong intellectual fibre, unbounded benevolence, and heart overflowing with love of humanity.

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MAY 24, 1878

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The pay car of the D. &amp; R. G. R. left here yesterday.

Night-watch Heall reported seven trains logging in the engine house at 12 o'clock last night. Why not adopt some measures to rid the city of these fast increasing nuisances?

The Colorado Springs Gazette has set up a telephone of its own, and christened it with a subscription for the daily for three years. How that wire must have thrilled with the announcement *Denver Mirror*.

On account of the temperance meeting to be held at the city hall on Friday evening, there will be no meeting of the Young Peoples' Christian Association of the Methodist church, until one week from that time.

The following papers are held for postage at the postoffice, May 21:

Mrs. Jas. A. Ingram, Piney Point, Md.; J. Parsons, New York; Miss Ella Willmarth, Newport, N. H.; Mrs. H. Fitch, Detroit, Mich.; Otero, Bellon & Co., El Moro, Colorado.

Six hundred and thirty-seven thousand eight hundred and forty pounds of ore and bullion have been forwarded from this station within the last twenty days. Streetcar wagon train will be in to day with 145,000 pounds more of ore and bullion. The shipments this month will run over one million pounds. Large quantities of freight for Leadville are being received. Business is very lively at the depot.

Charles P. Bloomfield, one of the operators at the W. U. telegraph office in this city, was thrown from his horse while riding in the Ute Pass on Monday last, by the breaking of a stirrup strap while in full gallop. He had a fall of about twenty feet down a steep bank, striking upon his head and receiving two severe scalp wounds, which bled profusely. He was brought to the city and was attended by Dr. C. E. Edwards. He was able to be about yesterday.

It will be seen by our advertisement that Mr. George Rignold will play here May 30th and 31st and June 1st. In the part of Henry V., he has achieved a world-renowned reputation. We congratulate the city on the prospect of such fine entertainment. We take the following from a notice given by *Illustrated Weekly*: "One of the best actors London has sent to this country. Mr. Rignold has achieved a remarkable success at Booth's Theatre, in Henry V., which has just been produced there with unprecedented scenic effects, and is, on the whole, the finest Shakespearean representation that has been witnessed in New York. The daily press is unanimous in its encomiums of Mr. Rignold for his quiet, dignified, manly, kindly rendition of the part of the valiant monarch. His delivery of the famous soliloquy and prayer is exceptionally fine. It contrasts with the stolidity of the modern drama. Mr. Rignold is Henry V., generous adversary, munificent friend, brave commander, and gallant soldier-warrior, rises to a height of grandeur where Shakespeare placed him."

## T. F. TROTT

Gen. Champion Vaughn, the popular temperance lecturer of Denver, will be in our city on Friday and Saturday of this week, and will lecture on those evenings at 8 o'clock, at the city hall. His subject will be "Temperance and Prohibition. There will be no admittance fee. A cordial invitation is extended to all."

## Episcopal Convocation

The annual convocation of this diocese will convene in Denver this morning. At 10 o'clock a in the convocation sermon will be preached, followed by the communion after which the convocation will be opened for business. It will close with a reception at the house of Bishop Spalding, on Thursday evening.

## PERSONS

Wm. Faus, sr., of the Pueblo iron company, is staying at the Crawford.

J. B. Raymond, a wholesale grocer of Chicago, is staying at the Crawford.

J. A. Smith who is connected with the house of Louis Doll & Co., of Denver, called on us yesterday. He was formerly one of the proprietors of the Central City Gazette.

W. Wilson, of Pittsburg and W. A. Tompkins, of New York, are now permanently connected with the auditor's office of the D. & R. G. railway.

Mr. B. L. Huntington and wife, of New York, visiting Colorado on a pleasure trip, are registered at the station.

J. H. Wilbraham wife and niece, of West Las Animas are guests of the National.

Mr. J. Spencer returned yesterday from a trip through southern Colorado and Kansas. His many friends will welcome him back.

Fred Dixon the bass grocery man of Pueblo, returned home yesterday from Kansas city with his bride the finest quality of sugar he ever investigated in West.

The body of Geo. Stevenson, of Pueblo, who, according to Pueblo on Saturday last was buried Sunday in the Pikes Peak cemetery, was found in the Pikes Peak cemetery, where he had been taken by the Pikes Peak railway.

Mr. Choate, of the signal service, came down from Pike's Peak yesterday. He states that the trail is in very good condition, and that the ascent can be made without any danger, although animals can only go to timber line, where they can be securely fastened. On the 18th two gentlemen made the round trip from Manitou and return, over the new trail, walking the whole distance. The new trail is now complete, and promises to be a popular route during the season.

## Bad Accident.

Yesterday afternoon, during the excitement caused by the freshest, several boys were congregated on the bank of the creek near the depot one of whom Rob. Smith, had a pistol which he had been firing. While in the act of re-loading, it was discharged, the entire load entering his left eye. He was at once assisted to his home, on Pike's Peak avenue, and Dr. Bissell was summoned to dress the wound. With the assistance of Dr. J. A. Hart, Dr. Bissell examined the wound and found that the ball, or rather duck shot, with which the pistol was loaded, had entered at the inner angle of the eye and become imbedded in the socket, just back of the eye-ball, injuring in its course, the optic nerve, so as to cause entire paralysis of the left portion of the nerve, and a consequent loss of the sight of that eye. This should be a warning to all boys, not to meddle with fire-arms, and if parents would be more cautious in this respect, such accidents would seldom occur.

## CRAWFORD HOUSE

J. A. Smith, Denver; C. A. Lansing, Ranch; A. B. Smith, Kansas; J. Nolan, Ranch; Geo. P. Clark, Leavenworth, Kan.; Dr. Colgate, R. H. Savar, England; J. W. Savin, Chicago; J. B. Raymond, J. C. Hill, Chicago; Chas. Sheppard, Garland; J. Heilmann, J. Heilmann, Jr., New York; D. S. Herold, St. Petersburg, Pa.; Mrs. S. D. Kimball, C. A. Kurbik, Walter Kimball, J. G. Parsons, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Tobey, Wm. Billing and wife, Denver; C. H. Vandewater, Julia Christen, St. Louis; J. E. McCee, Leadville; J. H. Parker, C. J. Brooks, Kansas; Helen Warren, New York; W. J. Dennison and wife, Kansas; Ramsey Sheaff, Frank Renney, Lancaster, Penn.; J. F. Cypher, Leadville; Wm. Faus, Pueblo; L. McMurphy, Cheyenne; A. F. Winter, Pennsylvania; Anna Robinson, Ohio; J. Von Staudert, G. Goswell, Kansas; John Greene, D and R. G. R., Alford Clark, Denver; G. P. Adams, Brooklyn; Al Peabody, Virginia.

NATIONAL O. H. Rhea, Burlington, Iowa; J. W. McIntyre, St. Joseph, Mo.; J. H. Wilbraham, wife and niece, West Las Animas, Colo.; W. B. Tomble, Q. M. R. R.; C. C. King, Ill.; S. Aubright, Tenn.; Chas. Ruter, Denver; W. H. Tinker, St. Louis; J. A. Smith, Denver; B. F. Huntington and wife, New York; C. Lamplough, Charles Rogers, John Brady, J. C. Alledorp, H. N. Fairchild, D. & R. G. R.; J. W. Love, South Park.

## A HORRIBLE CONFESSION

To the Editor of the Gazette.

In this arduous task with Mrs. Fulton, McLean and other champion confessionists of the day, I wish it to be distinctly understood that the sole motive which prompts me to the act is to relieve my conscience of a weary burden and to atone by a humiliating public confession, for my complicity in one of the most barefaced and astounding frauds ever perpetrated upon a gullible and unsuspecting community. I refer to the so-called "Blind Tom" musical performance which took place in this city on the 18th inst. A few weeks ago I was approached by three well known citizens of this place who in an agitated manner desired a private interview, which was granted. During that interview I was informed that the manager of the Blind Tom musical exhibitions had made arrangements to give an exhibition of the prodigy's genius and skill in Denver, and that if some suitable person could be found capable of representing him the town might be billed for an exhibition here as well. City Hall would be sure to be filled at fifty cents per capita for two entertainments and we would all make a fat grub stake and nobody be the wiser. The scheme seemed plausible; the prize glittered in the distance, I hesitated, reflected and fell into the snare.

The next thing then was to decide upon some one to act the part of Blind Tom. H. A. True, B. L. Crowell, Thos. Wanless, Nathan Harris, A. I. Goodrich, Judge Colburn, Col. Bacon and many others were suggested, but somehow or other they didn't quite seem to fill the bill and it wouldn't do to take too many chances. It seemed as though we had encountered an impediment that would prove fatal to the enterprise, and for a time we were enveloped in the mantle of despair as tightly as an Indian pudding in a cotton bag. At last the name of "Mucilage" was suggested, whereupon we all arose as one (honest) man and shouted *hurrah*. The thing was as good as done, and already we heard the 412½ grain dollars of our destined singing melodious ditties in our distended pockets.

Well, there was nothing left to do but to fill the town, which was thoroughly done, and away with joyous hearts the result of our labors. We had crossed the Rubicon, our ships were burned and there could be no retreat. We must succeed now, or jump the town between two days.

Saturday came, then, the hour for the matinee, and with it an exceedingly great multitude. We were frightened at our success, but we must go on. "Mucilage" thoroughly acquainted with burnt cork was brought on the stage and introduced to the audience as Blind Tom.

The deception was swallowed as easily as a small oyster at a church social. Our success was unto us as a sweet morsel under the tongue.

Then came the most astonishing part of the entire business. Beyond a smattering, superficial, jingling dexterity, our Blind Tom could lay no claims to the title of *artiste*. Yet his most absurd and senseless extravaganzas were hailed with the wildest demonstrations of applause and ecstacy. The emotion of the audience over a crude, plantation "walk-around," which was palmed off on them as Beethoven's Sonata No. 21, was simply dramatic and was but a fair sample of the entire ludicrous affair. It was all the same to them, what ever was played or what it was called. They had paid their money to be astonished, and astonished they were bound to be. That is what they had come there for.

The evening performance was but a repetition of the matinee only more so and about \$150 was cleared by the enterprise. I have not as yet received one cent of the dividends, although I have made strenuous efforts to obtain my share, and have threatened exposure in a manner not to be misunderstood. I have now given up all hopes of securing what is due me, because I am convinced that those who assisted me are dishonest and unscrupulous. Concerning "Mucilage" I have nothing to say, except that it will ever be my earnest prayer that the misguided creature may yet be brought to see the errors of his ways and become a vessel of grace and a shining light, yet I cannot help thinking that it will be an exceeding tight squeak.

## A QUICKENED CONSCIENCE.

Hind Tom.

The story of this musical wonder, who has just been with us, has in it a strange paradox. This story was first told me by one, whose great heart now stilled, was among the first to feel the thrill for the emancipation of the race. Blind Tom represents a throb which afterward went through the land, making desolate many a home, but wiping out the stain on true dom's name. I cannot give the presence, or manner of him who told me this story it was not so much the words he used, as the idea which felt that this creature with his great musical gift suggested to one who had espoused the cause of the people held in bondage, espoused it when to do so, was to risk, risking the fortune and, time he had yet to win, and who never faltered in their defense, happily living to see the glory of freedom's triumph, and to put this people up to the level of their fellow men, by dignifying them by the title of American citizens of African descent, so obliterating the barbaric decision of his predecessor on the supreme bench. That the black man had no rights which the white man was bound to respect.

This slave boy, born at a moment when all looked darkest for his race, when the chains about to fall asunder were apparently riveted the fastest, seemed the utterances of a cry which had trembled in the hearts of his people, but found no voice until this imbecile, useless, blind child came, all his senses overshadowed, extinguished as it were, by the preponderance of this one great gift of music. His only evidence of mind or soul being his painful ecstasies on hearing musical sounds, he imitated the birds, stole into the drawing-room, and imitated with perfect accuracy on the piano whatever he heard, whether the most difficult or the simplest piece. Fortunately he was in kind hands. He was encouraged to develop his one talent, he became the pet of the household. To hear him sing now the plantation hymns is like turning back a page of history, and brings to my remembrance the times when, as a little child, I have heard these hymns sung in the negro cabins, of the awe which crept over me listening to the weird, wild notes and words, and watching the dark faces crowded with gay bandanas, the rough logs of the cabin walls, the impassioned looks and attitudes of the singers, the light of the blazing wood fire, giving an unearthly look to all.

Learning bible history from the lips of a dear old black woman—who was my protectress and comforter in my childish scrapes and sorrows. These hymns have ever been to me like the echoes of the songs of the children of Israel, in the days of Egyptian bondage, "Roll, Jordan, Roll, 'The Good Ship Zion." This kind of music is best suited to Blind Tom, as his talent, wonderful as it is, is not capable of cultivation, his darkened intellect admitting of no progression. He has heard more, and so has learned more, but his touch and voice to day, are what they have been from the first. His music affords to him is much pleasure to those who hear him, and he applies himself, or rather the sounds which have delighted him but it is painful to see a creature who is the expression of but one faculty more painter than where he is blank.

## THE STORM

The Clouds Burst Upon Us.

Seven Bridges Carried Away

A Probable Loss of Five Thousand Dollars to Colorado Springs.

Railroad Travel Suspended.

Incidents of the Storm

The storm which prevailed in our city and throughout the surrounding country, yesterday, is said to have been the most severe of any that has visited this locality in several years. The weather had been threatening throughout the day, and about 4 p. m. the clouds seemed to break, and poured forth a perfect deluge of rain, and hail over a radius of several miles. About 3 o'clock it was reported that Monument creek was rising rapidly, and the indications were that the various bridges which crossed it were in danger of being swept away. This caused large crowds of people to gather on the banks of the creek, near the Huertano street bridge, which seemed to be the great point of interest. The waters of the creek had overflowed its bank quite an area being submerged.

The great volume of water, as it rushed through the narrow passage under the bridge with tremendous force threatened each moment to tear it from its fastenings and hurl it down the stream, but for several hours it resisted, and it was not until 7 o'clock p. m. that it was carried away. It was swept down the stream quite a distance, when it finally lodged against the bank, where it still remained at a late hour last night.

About half past five the large dam and flume near the fair grounds were washed away, and it was only through the most strenuous exertions of Commissioner J. F. Canthers that the big ditch was saved. The bridge on the Mesa road was one of the first to go down stream. The beer garden was submerged to the depth of about two feet, and the family had to leave the house. The bridge and some of the out buildings were also carried away.

When the train from the south reached the city, attention was drawn to the condition of the railway bridges between here and Edgerton, and with their usual forethought the officers of the road attached a car to the train loaded with material for repairing any slight wash-out which might have occurred. A reporter of the *Gazette* was aboard the train which left the depot shortly after 5 o'clock, and proceeded northward, with due caution and without meeting any obstacles until within three miles of Edgerton where a wash-out was found which required some repairs before the train could safely cross. While the section hands were at work on this the conductor and engineer of the train accompanied by our reporter walked up the track about a mile, where they encountered another wash-out just beyond which was a freight train the engineer of which reported that all three of the bridges, this side of Edgerton had been washed away and that his train was completely entrapped. With this information the party returned to the passenger train which immediately started back for Colorado Springs. Just before the train reached the city, the middle trestle of the railway bridge gave way, making it impossible for the train to cross. The passengers disembarked here, and just as they were attempting to walk across the bridge another of the central trestles gave way, sending them back "helter skelter." This caused the bridge to sag down some two or three feet but it was held suspended by the remaining trestles sufficient to allow the passengers to cross. Four more of the trestles making six in all, were carried away by eight o'clock but it was not until the bridge was still hanging although but a foot intervened between it and the water.

The passenger train stands just across the bridge, unable to reach the city. By midnight the waters had fallen very perceptibly, and we presume that no further damage will result. The total loss to the city will probably reach \$5,000, it not more.

The storm is said to have been very severe upon the stock throughout the country, but up to a late hour last night no particulars had been received in regard thereto.

## INCIDENTS OF THE STORM

Myron France and Alderman Walker were upon the ground early, working zealously to save the bridge and other property.

The lady passengers on the express train displayed much pluck and courage in walking across the trestly bridge.

Several clergymen en route for Denver to attend the convocation, were aboard the train.

It will probably be a month at least before the water will be in the ditches again owing to the demolition of the big dam and flume.

The freight train from the south came up on time last night from which we presume that the road in that direction is all right.

We were informed that one ranchman had lost his entire flock of sheep but upon inquiry we learned that the flock consisted of one pet lamb.

Hail stones as large as tennis balls fell in great numbers on the Divide. The section boss remarked that he felt as though he had been beaten over the head with a shillalah.

A cow in attempting to cross the creek was pined down the stream and we presume ere this has passed Pueblo and is now sailing down the "Arkansas."

It was reported at a late hour last night that Moore's livery shop situated at the mouth of Bear creek had been carried away, but we are unable to vouch for the truth of the statement.

## Advertised Letters

List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado, for the week ending May 21, 1878:

Adams Frank W. Baird Miss Jennie, Burnham Mrs. Daniel Campbell Mrs. A. E. (J. J. Coop, Charles Johnson, James Hughes, James Johnson, J. J. Lynn, Marion Stone Miss Carrie, Swartz, J. Taylor Miss Jane Ward J. D. Vealings, Mrs. May 1. French John White.

To obtain any of these letters the applicant must call for Advertised Letters, and give the date of this list. If not called for within thirty days, they will be sent to the Dead Letter Office.

JOHN POTTER—D. M.

## Real Estate Transfers

John S. Keen to Chas. Elwell, S. W. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4 of sec. 27, township 15, S. of range 71 W. and containing 100 acres. Consideration \$300.00.

Joseph Couch to Chas. Elwell, E. 1/2 of S. W. 1/4 of sec. 22, and N. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4 of sec. 71, township 13, S. of range 71, W. 100 acres, \$300.00.

## Business Locals.

Go to Hopkins for your nice patch kindling, on south half of the burnt district.

Tents, wagon covers, camping and mining outfits at Durkee & Lee's.

Fresh bread, cakes, and everything in the baker's line delivered daily by W. H. KENNEY.

Don't be deceived by big signs. Or big blowing, but if you want to buy groceries for cash, at bottom figures give me a trial. A. YERGER.

Ice Cream daily at the United States Restaurant.

BOARDING BY THE DAY OR WEEK. Good board and lodging in a pleasant family, can be had at the rate of one dollar per day, or five dollars per week. Apply at the residence of James A. Hix, corner of Nevada and Vermilion avenues.

Persons wanting wool twine, wool sacks, or sheep shears, call on Durkee & Lee.

Go to Hopkins for your patch pure posts on south half of the burnt district.

Fresh Fish every Day at Yerger's.

Churns, milk pans, pails, strainers, etc., at Durkee & Lee's.

H. H. Stevens has three or four good saddle horses to let at reasonable prices.

For the best accommodations in Colorado Springs stop at the National Hotel.

One of the best hotels in Colorado is the Crawford House, at Colorado Springs.

Go to Hopkins for your stove wood, on south half of the burnt district.

Miss Warren of 915 Broadway, New York City, will open a case of French pattern bonnets and English walking hats, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 23, 24 and 25 at the sample rooms of the Crawford House, two doors south of the hotel. The ladies of Colorado Springs and vicinity are respectfully invited to examine the stock, which will be opened for sale at the cost of importation.

A limited number of tourists carried into the mountains. For particulars inquire at D. W. Robbins's Dry Goods Store, credit.

Ice Cream by the quart or gallon at the United States Restaurant.

Casiday & Beck are prepared to do all kinds of blacksmithing, horse shoeing, etc. We have also connected with our establishment a wagon shop, under the superintendence of Mr. S. M. Dills, where we do all kinds of wagon repairing. Our prices are as low as any in the city. We have none but the best of workmen. Give us a call. Brick shop south of Cascade avenue.

Milk five cents a quart. E. E. Johnson.

Buy the Cheyenne Canon Ice of L. L. Johnson.

## Cheyenne Canon Ice.

It is an undisputed fact that impure ice is as unhealthy and dangerous to use as impure water. And believing that the wants of this community would justify me, and that an effort to supply a good and pure article would be appreciated, I built a great expense a large reservoir which I filled from the pure sparkling water of Cheyenne Canon and from which I cut and stored a large quantity of ice of the most unquestionable purity.

T. E. JOHNSON.

We the undersigned residing in the neighborhood of Cheyenne Canon fully endorse the above and take pleasure in recommending the ice, knowing it is what it is claimed to be. Cheyenne Canon Ice.

JOHN WOLFE,

N. F. LOURY,

D. F. KINSMAN,

M. A. FOSTER,

D. W. ROSE,

J. W. ROSE,

L. L. ROSE,

EDWARD YOUNGER,

PHILIP YOUNGER,

WM. B. JONES,

O. M. ROSE,

JOHN L. PEARCY.

The Denver and Rio Grande road is now running on a new line from Denver to Pueblo, 640 miles, leaving Denver at 11:25 p. m. connecting with the Kansas Pacific railway leaving Denver at 11:25 p. m. in Kansas Pacific time. This train makes close connections at Kansas City Union depot with trains for all routes east. This elegantly equipped line offers superior advantages to the traveling public in a trip to the East through Denver.

A Hay & Co., Blacksmiths, Horseshoers, makers of specialty of shoe horse trouble with disc, etc. etc. etc. Freighters can rely upon a No. 1 of mountain work, repairing of heavy mount on wagons a specialty. Signifies Big Horse Shot, Huertano Street, west of Cascade avenue, Colorado Springs.

FOR SALE  
FOR SALE—A Cream and Top. Upper at No. 2 Hartwell's R. A.

FOR SALE—A Buggy and Harness at S. M. Sanders Livery Stable.

FOR SALE CHEAP—A well established business in this city. Capital required three to five hundred dollars. For details for selling. Address P. O. box 435.

FOR SALE—A lot of two houses, block from the postoffice, also, a 3rd and 4th story building, 5th floor, a 3rd floor, 100 miles S. W. from here. See the *Gazette* for details.

WANTED  
WANTED—To hire a small uniformed man, within five months with a Postoffice. Inquire at this office.

WANTED—A well furnished room for rent. Inquire at this office.

FOR RENT—A well furnished room for rent. Inquire at this office.

FOR RENT—Two pleasant furnished rooms. Inquire at 31st street and 10th avenue in the Union street.

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